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WINTER STORM UPDATE

Sunday February 12, 2006 – 11:00 AM

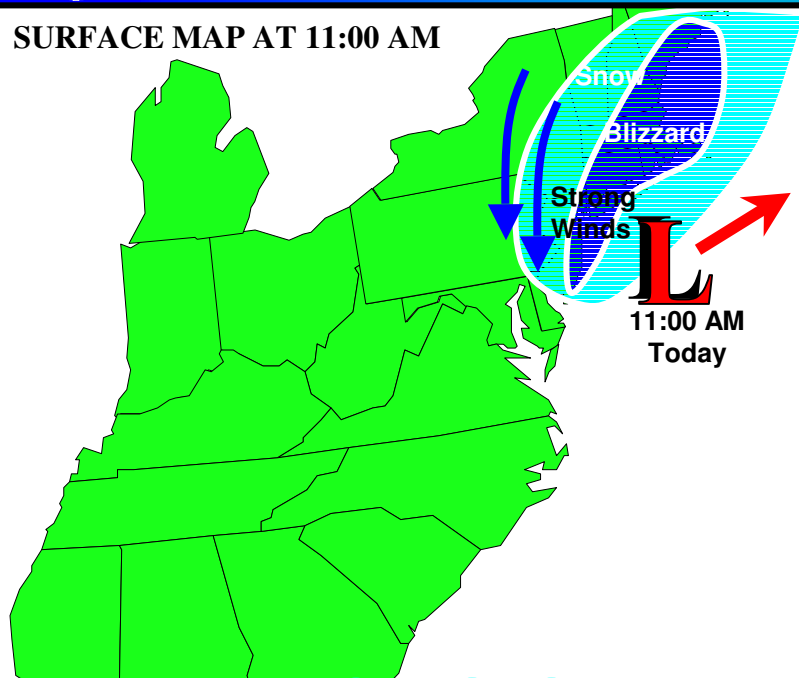
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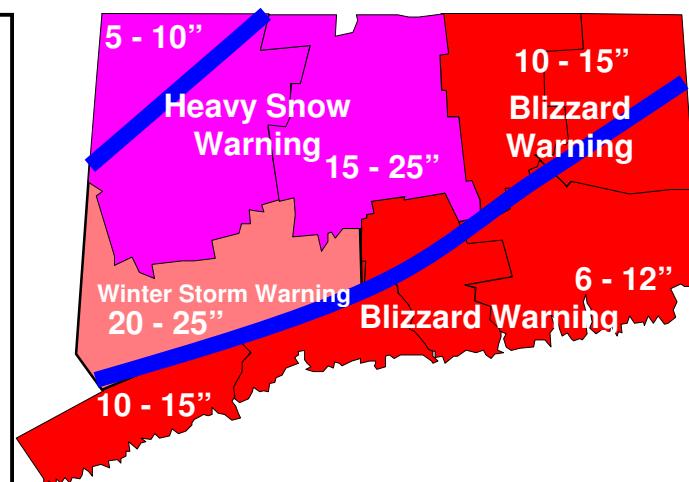
SURFACE MAP AT 11:00 AM



WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Heavy Snow Warning
Litchfield and Hartford Counties
Blizzard Warning
Coastal Fairfield and New Haven, All of Middlesex, New London, Tolland & Windham
Winter Storm Warnings
Northern Fairfield and New Haven
Coastal Flood Warning
No Coastal Warnings In Effect

TOTAL SNOWFALL FORECAST



COASTAL TIDES (NGVD)	High Tide	Time	Flood Stage	Flooding
Bridgeport	3.90 Ft	10:30 pm	6.0 Feet	None
	6.00 Ft	10:44 am	6.0 Feet (Sun)	Minor
New London	No Significant flooding expected.			

WEATHER FORECAST

A rapidly intensifying storm system is located south of the Twin Forks of Long Island and moving slowly to the East. At 11:00 AM radar and surface observations continue to show a band of very heavy snow stretching from Fairfield County Northeastward to Hartford County and covering most of Eastern CT. Snowfall rates within this band are as high as 4 inches per hour.

The heavy snow is expected to continue for the next hour in Western CT before tapering off to light snow by Noon. In Central Connecticut the heavy snow is expected to continue for the next two hours and taper down to lighter snow by 1:00 PM. In Eastern CT the heavy snow is expected to continue until around 2:00 PM before tapering off to light snow. Northeast winds are currently sustained at 30 MPH along the coast with gusts to 45 MPH. Inland, North winds are sustained at 20 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH. These winds are expected to continue through early this evening. Although the snow is expected to end between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, there will be significant blowing and drifting of snow through early tonight.

Tides in Western Long Island Sound are running at 3 feet above normal and minor flooding is occurring at this time. The coastal flooding should subside by 1:00 PM. Total snowfall from this storm is expected to range from around 8" in the NW Hills up to 25" in the Danbury and Meriden areas. Another update will be issued by DEMHS at 2:00 PM.